

Remarks

Applicant and the undersigned would like to express appreciation to the Examiner for his allowance of the present application, and would request consideration of the above amended claim set and the following remarks.

I. Amendment to Claim 1

Upon further review of the Examiner's amendment, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the above-presented amended claim set. Specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to reposition the "matrix element" limitation into clause (a) of the claim, where the enclosure is first recited. It is believed that this positioning makes the claim read better.

The element of the "mat" has also been deleted, since it is not believed that the matrix element needs to be further defined to confer patentability. For example, Claims 16 and 19 further define embodiments of the matrix element that do not comprise a mat.

Therefore, it is respectfully believed that Claim 1 as amended remains patentable over the cited art, and passage to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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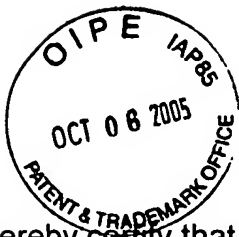
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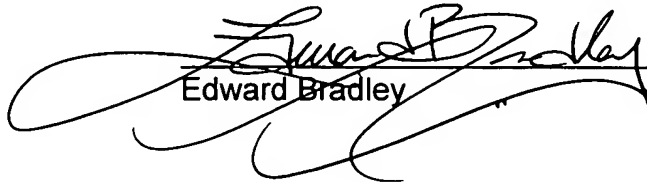
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